

First Steps Facilitator: Harriet Foiles**Regional LICC status:**

Active LICCs: 10 representing 19 counties

Inactive LICCs: 2 representing 2 counties

LICCs in development: 9

Primary Outcomes of LICCs:

1. Public awareness of First Steps
2. Resource development including funding and provider recruitment
3. Develop relationship with SPOE

Summary of activities and accomplishments:

- **St. Charles is working on funding sources for projects such as recruiting physicians and formed a legislative committee to work in collaboration with the St. Charles Coalition; have made presentations to Parents As Teachers.**
- **Boone Co. developed and distributed public service announcements and mailed recruitment letters to school districts to recruit providers.**
- **Cooper/Howard has completed By-laws and are working on expanding membership.**
- **Lincoln Co. has met with their SPOE and the public awareness committee has planned spring awareness activities.**
- **Randolph Co. will publish an article about First Steps in the Moberly Monitor Index.**
- **Cole Co has met with their SPOE and brainstormed new providers for the area. A meeting has been set up with the SPOE, service providers, and service coordinators.**
- **Northeast Early Childhood Network has revised their goals and objectives; met with the SPOE**

Summary of identified needs or concerns:

- **Funding for LICC activities**
- **Provider network for children's services. Several agencies in Boone County have closed down.**
- **Access to mental health services for children in First Steps. Mi-Missouri Mental Health in Columbia closed and new agency eligibility criteria will be more stringent.**

- **Limited attendance at LICC meetings is a concern as is limited provider base for services.**
- **Development of Memorandum of Understanding with the SPOE.**
- **Need for training in use of First Steps forms and billing.**
- **Linking SPOE with on-going service coordinators.**
- **Access to mental health services for children in First Steps. Mid-Missouri Mental Health in Columbia discontinued all out-patient children's services which have been picked up by University Behavioral Health whose eligibility criteria will be more stringent.**

Key points and significant information to provide SICC:

1. The LICC's continue to stay active and work on outcomes as much as possible faced with the constraints of no funding.
2. Limited participation in the LICC.
3. Concern about providers going out of business and the need to know how to handle new forms and billing requirements.